GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3277
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BAN ON PLANTATION OF AFRICAN BABOOL
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether `Prosopis Juli Flora` plant (African Babool) is being planted in the country in the name of environment protection;

(b) if so, whether the above plant shoots up such pollen grains during the months of March to June which cause allergy and the human-beings fall victims of Asthma;

(c) if so, the number of such plants planted so far;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to impose ban on the plantation of such plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) No, Sir. However, in some parts of the country, Prosopis juliflora is planted for fodder and fuel-wood depending upon local edaphic factors. There is no report about the plant being a health hazard for human beings.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.